

Poetry.

BE PATIENT WITH THE LIVING.

Sweet friend, when thou and I are gone
Beyond earth's weary labor,
When small shall be our need of grace
From comrade or from neighbor;
Past all the strife, the toil, the care,
And done with all the sighing,
What tender truth we shall have gained,
Alas, by simply dying?

Then lips too chary of their praise
Will tell our merits over,
And eyes too swift our faults to see
Shall no defect discover;
Then hands that would not lift a stone
Where stones were thick to cumber
Our steep hill path, will scatter flowers
Above our pillowed slumber.

Sweet friend, perchance both thou and I,
Ere love is past forgiving,
Should take the earnest lesson home:
Be patient with the living!
To-day's repressed rebuke may save
Our blinding tears to-morrow;
Then patience, even when keenest edge
May whet a nameless sorrow.

'Tis easy to be gentle when
Death's silence shames our clamor,
And easy to discern the best
Through memory's mystic glamor;
But wise it were for thee and me,
Ere love is past forgiving,
To take the tender lesson home:
Be patient with the living.

—Good Cheer.

Household.

GINGER COOKIES.

One cupful each of sugar, butter, flour and molasses, one tablespoonful each of ginger and cinnamon, and two teaspoonfuls of saleratus dissolved in hot water.

LAYER CAKE.

Two cups of sugar, half-cup butter, one cup of milk, three eggs, three cups flour, three teaspoonfuls baking powder, one teaspoon vanilla extract. Bake in a good oven about twenty minutes in three layers.

WHOOPING COUGH REMEDY.

Half-cup molasses, one tablespoon castor oil, one teaspoon spirits of camphor, half teaspoon paregoric. Stir ingredients together thoroughly and give a teaspoon whenever a bad coughing spell comes on.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

Take three pounds best brown sugar and boil with 1½ pints of water until candy hardens in cold water. Then add one-half pound fresh butter, which will soften the candy. Boil a few minutes until it hardens, and pour into trays. Flavor with lemon if desired. Cut in small squares.

BANANA CHARLOTTE.

The sides of a quart mould are to be lined with sponge cake, and the bottom of the mould with thin slices of bananas. Fill the mould with stiff whipped cream. Set it aside in an ice-box till wanted. Remove carefully from the mould and serve.

WHITE CAKE.

Two-thirds of a cup of flour, one cup of sugar, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar and a little salt, sifted together into the whites of six eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Bake in a moderate oven. It is a very cheap cake, as it requires no butter nor soda.

CHOCOLATE CUSTARD.

The materials for chocolate custard are two sections of chocolate, a quart of milk, a cup of sugar, the yolks of six eggs and one tablespoonful of corn starch. Beat the chocolate and the corn starch smooth in separate cups with milk, and boil the rest of the milk, add the chocolate and corn starch, and last of all the eggs, stirring constantly until the mixture is thick and smooth. It is to be eaten with cake made with the whites of the eggs.

LEMON PUDDING, NEW STYLE.

Cream up one tablespoonful of fresh butter with one teaspoonful of sugar. Two eggs must be beaten up very light, and two lemons provided for seasoning. Dissolve a tablespoonful of corn starch in a little milk, then pour over it a little boiling water. Add to this the butter, sugar and eggs. Rub the lemons until soft, grate the rind into the batter, and also strain into it the juice. Bake in puff paste. This quantity makes two puddings, and will be found very nice.

CHOCOLATE CARAMELS.

One cup of sweet milk, one cup of molasses, one tablespoonful of butter, half a cupful of grated chocolate. Mix all the ingredients well together and put all upon the fire in a porcelain-lined saucepan. Stir constantly to prevent burning, and let it boil until it is thick; then turn it out on buttered plates; when it begins to stiffen, mark it in squares with a knife, so that it will break readily when cold. Vanilla flavoring may be added if desired.

GOOD CAKE.

One cup of milk, one cup of butter, two cups of sugar, three cups of flour, one heaping teaspoonful of baking powder and the whites of five eggs. Bake in a good oven. Cover with frosting made with the whites of two eggs, the same quantity of cold water and enough of the finest powdered (confectioners') sugar, mix together, to make the frosting of the proper consistency to spread on the cake. Any flavor may be used. This frosting is quite soft.

CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

Stir into the white of an egg confectioner's sugar until of a sufficient consistency to roll into balls, and mould into the shape of chocolate-cream drops. Dissolve in a bowl of tin some chocolate by placing it on top of a tea kettle, or by placing it in another dish filled with boiling water, so that it will not burn, and when the cream drops are ready dip them in the chocolate, place on a buttered dish and set away to cool. It is less trouble to make the cream into a bar and pour the chocolate over it, and gives the same effect to the palate as rolling up the balls.

OMELET.

Break six eggs in a bowl; skim out the yolks into a large coffee-cup; beat the whites to a stiff froth. Now beat the yolks enough to make them smooth, fill up the cup with milk and pour this into the bowl containing the whites of the eggs. Put in a little salt and stir enough to mix the whole, that is, as little as possible. Have the frying pan warmed and a piece of butter as large as an egg already melted therein. Now pour in your eggs and milk; let it cook slowly; be sure and not burn. If there is danger of this lift it up from the bottom with a knife. When the froth sets on top it is done.

EGGS AND HAM.

A nice way to serve eggs with broiled ham is to butter some patty tins, sprinkle conscientiously with fine crumbs of bread, break an egg into a saucer, and then, without disturbing the yolk, pour it into the tin. Set the tins into a hot dripping pan and let them stand in the oven until the white is cooked. Then after putting the thin slices of nicely-broiled ham upon a hot platter, take the eggs from the oven and turn out on the ham. It is not necessary to close the oven door while the eggs are in it, and indeed it is better not to do so.

FRIED CHICKEN.

Clean a young chicken, divide it in quarters, season the pieces with salt and pepper and sprinkle with flour; place two ounces of butter in a frying pan on the fire, and, when quite hot, put in the pieces of chicken and fry a golden brown; arrange the pieces on a dish, pour around them a sauce made as follows, and serve hot: Mix a tablespoonful of flour smoothly with a gill of cold milk and add half a pint of warm milk; melt one ounce of butter and season it with a little salt and pepper; turn the milk into the butter, beating all the time, and as soon as it is thick pour it around the chicken.

MARRIED PEOPLE WOULD BE HAPPIER.

If home troubles were never told to a neighbor.

If expenses were proportioned to receipts.

If they tried to be as agreeable as in courtship days.

If each would remember the other was a human being, not an angel.

If each were as kind to the other as when they were lovers.

If fuel and provisions were laid in during the high tide of summer work.

If both parties remembered that they married for worse as well as for better.

If men were as thoughtful for their wives as they were for their sweet-hearts.

If there were fewer silk and velvet street costumes, and more plain, tidy, house dresses.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

—The Romington Agricultural Works, at Ilion, N. Y., has failed, with liabilities of about \$1,000,000.

—Ohio is known as the great wool producing State. Yet the eggs produced in that State last year nearly equaled in value the wool product.

—Seed corn should be changed every four or five years, or at least new kinds mixed with the local sorts.

—It is now pretty well settled that bees want and ought to have salt, and *Gleanings in Bee Culture* suggests salt brine poured in saw-dust placed near the hives.

—Only one pound in ten of all the butter consumed in that country is now made in England, it is stated. Twenty years ago that country imported very little butter.

—Last year the average yield of wheat per acre in England was 31.51 bushels. In Scotland the average was 34.17. The average yield of oats in England was 36.85 bushels.

—A search of the records show that there were removed from the streets and alleys of Chicago last year the dead bodies of 3,235 horses, 7 mules, 171 cattle, 349 sheep, 171 calves and 17,872 dogs.

—The total value of exports from the United States during the twelve months ending March 31, 1886, were \$665,956,920, or \$77,834,093 less than during the year previous. The imports show an increase of 18,576,015.

—As a rule poultry is given too much concentrated food and not enough of that which is bulky. If poultrymen would consider this fact they will get more eggs and have less difficulty with diseases.

—Last year there were 194,723 acres of fruit orchards in Great Britain. This year the area has increased to 197,532 acres. Last year 52,975 acres were devoted to market gardens. There are now 59,473 devoted to that purpose.

—A good horse, over nine years old, ought to have ten years' work in him, and in fact is often a better purchase than a young horse. He has been tested, and if weak spots had been found the horse would have been lame, blemished or dead.

—A Missouri farmer who has been testing seed corn from the butt, the tip, and the middle of ears for three years, finds that the corn from the tips of the ears will ripen first, that from the middle next, and that from the butt last.

—To take rust out of steel rub the steel with oil, in a day or two rub with finely-powdered unslaked lime until the rust all disappears, then oil again, roll in woolen and put in a dry place, especially if it be table cutlery.

—The scours in calves are easily cured. Put a lump of lime the size of a hen's egg into a jug of water; shake it well, then let it stand corked tight. When you notice signs of the scours reduce the amount of milk at once, and give a tablespoonful of the clear lime water with every feed. A raw egg stirred into the milk is another very good remedy.

MEN WHO WIN WOMEN.

God has so made the sexes that women, like children, cling to men—lean upon them as though they superior in mind and body. They make them the suns of the system, and their children revolve around them. Men are gods, if they but knew it, and women burn incense at their shrines. Women, therefore, who have good minds and pure hearts, want men to lean upon. Think of their reverencing a drunkard, a liar, a fool or a libertine.

If a man would have a woman to do him homage he must be manly in every sense—a true gentleman; not entirely after the Chesterfield school, but polite because his heart is full of kindness to all; one who treats her with respect, even deference, because she is a woman; who never condescends to say silly things to her; who brings her up to his level, if his mind is above hers; who has no time to be frivolous with her; always dignified in speech and act; who never spends too much upon her; never yields to temptation, even if she puts it in his way; ambitious to make his mark in the world whether she encourages him or not; who is never familiar with her to the extent of being an adopted brother or a cousin.

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